

Chapter 283

(House Bill 846)

AN ACT concerning

**Motor Vehicle Administration – Commercial Driver’s License – Program for
Veterans and Service Members
(Troops to Trucks)**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to establish a program to assist veterans and members of the military transitioning out of military service to obtain a commercial driver’s license ~~and find employment~~; requiring the Administration, as part of the program, to waive a certain skills test for certain program participants and coordinate and consult with certain entities to explore the feasibility of providing a commercial driver’s license training course on military bases in the State; ~~requiring~~ authorizing the Administration to adopt certain regulations; making a conforming change; and generally relating to commercial drivers’ licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 16–807(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Transportation
Section 16–807.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Transportation

16–807.

(b) (1) **[An] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 16–807.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, AN** individual may not be issued a commercial driver’s license until the individual has passed the knowledge and skill tests for driving a commercial motor vehicle which complies with the minimum federal standards established by the federal Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 (Title XII of Public Law 99–570), and has satisfied all other requirements of that act as well as any other requirements of this title.

(2) The tests shall be prescribed and conducted at the direction of the Administration.

(3) The Administration shall adopt regulations to waive the skill test required under paragraph (1) of this subsection in a manner consistent with 49 C.F.R. § 383.77.

16-807.1.

(A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO ASSIST VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY WHO ARE TRANSITIONING OUT OF MILITARY SERVICE TO OBTAIN A COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE ~~AND FIND EMPLOYMENT.~~

(B) AS PART OF THE PROGRAM, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ~~WAIVE:~~

(1) WAIVE THE SKILLS TEST REQUIRED UNDER § 16-807(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS WHO MEET ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE ADMINISTRATION, CONSISTENT WITH ~~49 C.F.R. § 383.77~~ FEDERAL LAW; AND

(2) COORDINATE AND CONSULT WITH MILITARY BASES THROUGHOUT THE STATE, COMMUNITY COLLEGES THAT OFFER COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE TRAINING COURSES, THE MARYLAND MOTOR TRUCK ASSOCIATION, INC., AND ANY OTHER PARTY THAT THE ADMINISTRATION DETERMINES IS APPROPRIATE TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING A COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE TRAINING COURSE ON MILITARY BASES IN THE STATE.

(C) THE ADMINISTRATION ~~SHALL~~ MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2015.

Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2015.